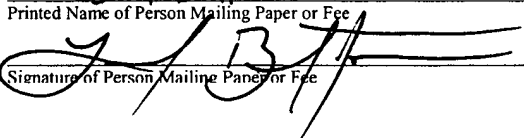


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Transmitted herewith is the Response, with Exhibits A and B as attachments thereto, to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
- ☒ No additional claims fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

#### CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	NUMBER AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		RATE		FEE	
					SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY
TOTAL CLAIMS	85	=	85	x	\$ 9.00	\$ 18.00	=	\$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7	=	7	x	\$ 43.00	\$ 86.00	=	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS: __YES__ NO					\$ 145.00	\$ 290.00		\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE							\$ 0.00	\$

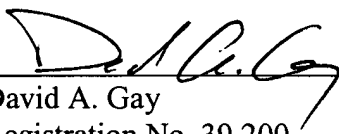
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- ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502624 the amount of \$55.00 which covers the fee for a one -month extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502624. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 502624 any fees under 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: May 4, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

  
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